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(*g*) whether it is a fact that some of the ryots have filed objections stating that they cannot state their full objections without obtaining certified copies of the resurvey plans ;

(*h*) whether it is a fact that no adjournment was given ;

(*i*) whether it is a fact that this practice is being followed not merely with reference to the village aforesaid, but with reference to all villages in which settlement operations are now going on ;

(*j*) what steps the Government propose to take to redress the grievances of the ryots in the matter ; and

(*k*) what objections have the Government to see that rough pattas are properly served on the ryots and that sufficient time is granted to them to obtain copies of plans and then file objections ?

A.—The Government have not any information about the particular case referred to, but, as it is their policy and desire that proper notice should be given of rough pattas and full opportunity afforded to those interested to file objections and that such objections should be properly heard and determined, the question has been referred to the Board of Revenue for enquiry and report.

Alleged irregularities in issuing pattas in South Kanara.

*1461 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : With reference to the answer to Mr. Schamnad's question No. 700 answered on 19th October 1927 regarding alleged irregularities in issuing pattas in South Kanara, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Settlement Officer has received complaints from pattadars on the subject, what the nature of the various complaints is, what action has been taken thereon ; and

(*b*) what action has been taken on the suggestion that in the case of absentee landlords Government should send them pattas by registered post at the cost of such landlords ?

A.—(*a*) The Government have not the information. The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question 1460.

(*b*) The suggestion was examined but was not adopted as no practicable method could be devised of recovering the cost of sending rough pattas by registered post from the addressees.

Forests

Timber depot in the Ghumsur division (Ganjam district).

*1462 *Q.*—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of depots the Government had in the Ghumsur division (Ganjam district) for sale of timber in each of the years from 1917–18 to 1920-21 ;

(*b*) the number of depots now kept in the division ;

(*c*) the price of good timber (logs) per cubic foot sold in these depots in each of these years ;

(*d*) the price at which good timber as stated in (*c*) is sold to the Saw Mill at Russellkonda in each of the years from 1923 to 1927 per cubic foot ;

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(*e*) the cartage that the Forest Department had and have to pay per cubic foot in each of these years for the timber brought to the Saw Mills; and

(*f*) the rate per cubic foot the rejected logs are sold in public auction?

A.—(*a*) The information is not available.

(*b*) There are at present no sale depots except those maintained at Russellkonda and Berhampur in connexion with the Saw Mill.

(*c*) A statement containing the information is attached.

(*d*) From 1923 until 30th September 1926, it was 4 annas a cubic foot. Since 30th September 1926 the rates have been—

	RS.	A.	P.	
Logs of under 10′ in length ...	0	4	0	per c. ft.
Do. 10′ and under 16′ in length.	0	5	0	do.
Do. 16′ and over 16′ in length...	0	8	0	do.
Single sized sleepers yielding 2 c. ft.	0	4	6	do.
Extra for squared timber ...	0	0	6	do.

(*e*)

	RS.	A.	P.	
1923–1924 ...	0	3	3·75	per c. ft.
1924–1925 ...	0	3	11·9	do.
1925–1926 ...	0	2	11·7	do.
1926–1927 ...	0	3	3	do.

(*f*) A statement[a] is attached.

Labour

Recruitment of labour for plantations from the Jeypore Agency.

* 1463 *Q.*—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received resolutions from the public of Jeypore, protesting against the recruitment of labour from the Jeypore Agency for plantations to Assam, etc., passed at a public meeting held on 12th December 1927 at Jeypore (Vizagapatam district);

(*b*) the number of persons recruited from the Agency tracts of Vizagapatam and Ganjam agencies separately for each of the years of 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926 and 1927;

(*c*) the number of persons referred to in (*b*) that have returned to their original homes since 1923;

(*d*) the wages these coolies get in the plantations;

(*e*) the sanitary and medical arrangements made for these coolies in those plantations;

(*f*) whether representations were also made to His Excellency regarding these grievances in private interviews in his recent tour to Jeypore; and

(*g*) whether Government propose to take any action to stop recruitment?

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